The Regional Director may extend this timeframe if complicated issues arise.

## § 209.9 Appeals.

The State may appeal decisions by FEMA regarding the eligibility of submitted applications within 60 days of receipt of the decision. The format and timelines for the appeal must conform to 44 CFR 206.440.

## § 209.10 Project implementation requirements.

Subgrantees must enter into an agreement with the State, with the concurrence of the Regional Director, that provides the following assurances:

- (a) The subgrantee will administer the grant and implement the project in accordance with program requirements, 44 CFR parts 13 and 14, the grant agreement, and with applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
- (b) Participating property owners may receive assistance up to the fair market value of their real property as of September 1, 1999 (reduced by any potential duplication of benefits from other sources).
- (c) The following restrictive covenants must be conveyed in the deed to any property acquired, accepted, or from which structures are removed ("the property"):
- (1) The property must be dedicated and maintained in perpetuity for uses compatible with open space, recreational, or wetlands management practices; and
- (2) No new structure(s) will be built on the property except for the following:
- (i) A public facility that is open on all sides and functionally related to a designated open space or recreational use;
  - (ii) A public rest room; or
- (iii) A structure that is compatible with open space, recreational, or wetlands management usage and proper floodplain management policies and practices, which the Director approves in writing before the construction of the structure begins.
- (3) After completing the project, no application for additional disaster assistance will be made for any purpose with respect to the property to any

Federal entity or source, and no Federal entity or source will provide such assistance.

- (4) Any structures built on the property according to paragraph (c)(2) of this section, must be located to minimize the potential for flood damage, be floodproofed, or be elevated to the Base Flood Elevation plus one foot of freeboard.
- (5) Every two years on October 1st, the subgrantee will report to the State, certifying that the property continues to be maintained consistent with the provisions of the agreement. The State will report the certification to us.
- (d) In general, allowable open space, recreational, and wetland management uses include parks for outdoor recreational activities, nature reserves, cultivation, grazing, camping (except where adequate warning time is not available to allow evacuation), temporary storage in the open of wheeled vehicles which are easily movable (except mobile homes), unimproved, permeable parking lots, and buffer zones. Allowable uses generally do not include walled buildings, flood reduction levees, or other uses that obstruct the natural and beneficial functions of the floodplain.

## § 209.11 Grant administration.

- (a) Cost share. We may contribute up to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. The State must ensure that non-Federal sources contribute not less than 25 percent of the total eligible costs for the grant. The State or any subgrantee cannot use funds that we provide under this Act as the non-Federal match for other Federal funds nor can the State or any subgrantee use other Federal funds as the required non-Federal match for these funds, except as provided by statute.
- (b) Allowable costs. A State may find guidance on allowable costs for States and subgrantees in Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-87 and A-122 on the Cost Principles. States may use up to 7% of these funds for costs to manage the grant. The State should include management costs in its application. Subgrantees must include reasonable costs to administer the grant as a direct project cost in their budget.